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ABSTRACT

5   **A SYSTEM FOR MANAGING A COMPUTER NETWORK**

A system for managing a computer network having a multiplicity of users, applications programs and servers, comprises a) user interface means for displaying a list of tasks appropriate to a given user at a given time, b) administration means comprising a software object including a set of rules

10   defining the relationships between users, applications programs and servers, c) a module comprising database means and one or more LDAP compliant directories for storing user records, application program records, and server records, to enable updating of said records in a systematic way, and d) synchronisation means for managing the exchange of data between said administration means,

15   module c), and the computer network. The administration means in use performs tasks such as user record or server creation, updating, and deletion; application program installation, commissioning, and program updating, in response to user input.

20   (Figure 2).